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AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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E.O. 11652:GDS  
TAGS:MILI, OCLR  
SUBJECT- INDIAN OCEAN TASK GROUP (KITTY HAWK)

1. THE KITTY HAWK TASK GROUP ENTERED THE STRAITS OF MALACCA SOUTH BOUND ON 21 APRIL, AND WENT INTO PORT IN SINGAPORE ON 23 APRIL. THE TASK GROUP WILL REMAIN THERE UNTIL ITS DEPARTURE FOR SUBIC BAY ON APRIL 27. WITH THE DEPARTURE OF THE KITTY HAWK TASK GROUP, OUR PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA REVERTS TO THE ESSENTIAL CORE COM-  
PRISED BY COMIDEASTFOR AND ITS TWO DESTROYERS, PAUL AND MULLINIX.

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2. THERE WILL PROBABLY BE A CONSIDERABLE GAP BEFORE WE NEXT SEND A SUBSTANTIAL NAVAL TASK GROUP. WE ARE CURRENTLY CONSIDERING SOMETHING FOR MID SUMMER WHICH WOULD BE AT THE LEVEL OF, SAY, A GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER WITH COMMENSURATE ESCORTS. THIS WOULD BE FULLY IN KEEPING WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S ANNOUNCED INTENTIONS, AS RE-  
INFORCED BY STATE'S WITNESSES BEFORE CONGRESS AS WELL AS  
USG ESTABLISHED POLICY, OF SENDING OUR SHIPS INTO THE

INDIAN OCEAN AREA ON A RELATIVELY MORE FREQUENT BASIS  
THAN WE DID BEFORE LAST SUMMER.

3. YOU SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER THIS INFORMATION, BUT YOU  
MAY USE IT TO RESPOND TO INQUIRIES OR OTHERWISE AS YOU  
SEE FIT. WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE LESS CONNECTED WITH  
DIEGO GARCIA AND OUR VARIOUS TASK GROUPS ON THE FRONT  
PAGES, HENCE WE DO NOT WISH TO DRAW ATTENTION TO OUR  
MOVEMENTS. KISSINGER

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